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Rev. C. C. Alleyne, A. M., D. D.----------Editor Quarterly Review
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Peter Robinson
W. W. Slade, D. D.
J. A. Barber

ELDERS

A. J. McDonald
H. C. Harrison (Dead)
N. B. Stelly (Transferred)
R. Culbreth
J. J. Stitt
C. M. Mason (Dead)
E. B. Robinson
J. W. Marsh
T. M. Stitt
N. A. Alston
A. A. Johnson
J. Q. Johnson
E. V. McIver
W. H. Horton
W. H. Hadley
G. W .Murphy (No. 1)
A. A. Steele
G. W. Steele
C. T. Tharrington
J. A. Daniels
R. G. Cannady
W. J. Green (Elected)
T. L. Cannon (Elected)
P. J. Jones
George L. Moore
E. M. Strong, A. B. (Transferred)
W. W. Long
W. H. Coltrane
S. J. Wall
J. H. Parker
George M. McLean
G. W. Harrell
E. Johnson McKay
A. D. Bland (Elected)
W. D .Drake

W. O. Waddell
J. D. McKoy
C. T. Simmons
W. B. Gordon
S. W. Graham
J. M. Gould, B. D.
Henry D. Tillman
J. H. Hagans
J. Z. Siler
George F. Gibson
S. A. Murphy
A. E. Gordon, A. B.
J. H. Paschal
S. M. Stedman
W. F. McKee
G. W. Murphy (No. 2)
J. A. Brigman
W. O. Cameron
W. D. Drake
M. H. Barnes
L. D. McQueen
W. H. Perry (Elected)
J. Fulford Williams, D. D.
Wm. C. DeBerry, A. B., B. D.,
B. L. Pratt
(Withdrawn)
M. G. Gaines
William Lyons, D. D.
A. T. McNeill
J. W .Hill
J. D. Kemp
B. C. Robeson, A. B.
L. D. Davis (Transferred)
J. B. Watson (Elected)
J. A. Cole

DEACONS

H. T. Green
W. M. Elliott
A. E. Quick
C. F. Martin (Transferred)
Mrs. L. E. Murchison (Elected)

W. C. Mitchell
S. L. McClinneghan
O. K. Dorsett
C. W. McNeill (Transferred)
O. D. Lett

T. C. Marsh
Joseph Gainey
A. J. Baker
T. H Spruill (Elected)
J. N. Hodges
David Sawyer
H. David
T. A. Purcell (Transferred)

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

Re. John Murchison---Olivia, N. C.
Rev. M. G. Gaines---Broadway, N. C.
Rev. H. T. Green---Glendon, N. C.

LOCAL DEACONS

I. S. Sellars---Carthage District
A. E. Gilchrist---Fayetteville District
J. A. McKoy---Fayetteville District
I. H. McPhail---Fayetteville District
B. R. McPhail---Laurinburg District
A. Black---Laurinburg District
G. W. Farrior (Dead)---Raleigh District
R. D. Harris---Raleigh District

IN FOURTH YEAR'S STUDIES

W. C. Mitchell
T. C. Marsh
David Sawyer
A. E. Quick

IN THIRD YEAR'S STUDIES

O. K. Dorsett
T. E. Terry
A. J. Baker
T. H. Spruill
Mrs. L. E. Murchison

IN SECOND YEAR'S STUDIES

Joseph Gainey
J. J. McNeill
J. A. Siler
H. A. McLaurin (Wthdrawn)
G. A. McIntyre (Withdrawn)
D. W. Brooks
K. C. Siler
Lendo Lucas
O. W. Coward
E. P. Gregory
I. A. Cameron
H. S. McNeill
W. E. Murphy
C. C. McRae
J. P. Bonds
John J. McNeill
W. S. McIver
Thos. J. Harrington
H. D. Dudley
I. M. Carroll
A. D. Carter
John DeGraffenreid
G. D. Patterson
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J. M. McNeill
L. J. Coleman
A. B. Harlee
J. C. Flowers
J. E. Reeves
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Carthage District

S. P. Judd — S. W. Williams

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H. K. Johnson — P. W. Freeman

Laurinburg District

James W. Bethea — C. L. Graham

Raleigh District

Benjamin Lee — Mrs. M. B. McKoy

WIDOWS OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Mrs. Carrie Perry---Bynum, N. C
Mrs. T. A. Mattocks---122 Chance Street, Fayettevlle, N. C.
Mrs. Mary L. Mitchell---522 Russell Street, Fayetteville, N. C.
Mrs. Harriet Smith---Southern Pines, N. C.
Mrs. Annie Richardson---Fayetteville, N. C.
Mrs. Henrietta V. Barker---Box 56, Route 2, New Hill, N. C.
Mrs. C. M. Mason---106 Wilmington Street, Dunn, N. C.
Mrs. H. C. Harrison---616 Frink Street, Fayetteville, N. C
Mrs. Mary Jones---Address Unknown

COMMITTEES

Rules—Reverends C. P. S. Harrison, J. Z. Siler, C. T. Simmons J. B. Watson, E. B. Robinson.

Credentials—Reverends H. D. Tillman, R. G. Cannady, J. J. Stitt, J. A. Daniels, W. D. Drake.

Finance—Reverends W. W. Slade, H. D. Tillman, C. P. S. Harrison, J. A. Barber, Peter Robinson, B. J. Pratt, G. W. Murphy, T. M. Stitt.

Public Worship—Reverends J. A. Barber, W. W. Slade, C. P. S. Harrison, H. D. Tillman, Peter Robinson.

Admission to Conference—Reverends W. H. Coltrane, A. A. Steele, N. A. Alston, S. M. Steadman, J. M. Gould.

First and Second Year Studies—Reverends H. D. Tillman, A. E. Quick, W. M. C. DeBerry, E. V. McIver, A. E. Gordon.

Third and Fourth Year Studies—Reverends R. Culbreth, J. W. Hill, W. H. Hadley, W. O. Waddell, W. B. Gordon.

Holy Orders—Reverends J. W. Marsh, C. T. Tharrington, J. H. Hagans, A. J. McDonald, W. F. McKee.

Conference Boundary, Presiding Elder Districts, Circuits and Stations—Reverends B. J. Pratt, W. H. Horton, J. Q. Johnson, J. H. Parker, A. D. Bland.

Sunday School Union—Reverends R. Taylor, J. N. Reives, T. L. Cannon, W. J. Green, W. H. Perry.

V. C. E. Union—Reverends J. F. Williams, K. C. Siler, C. F. Martin, W. H. Perry, H. David.

State of the Church—Reverends W. M. C. DeBerry, A. A. Johnson, G. M. McClain, G. F. Gibson, J. M. McNeill.

State of the Country—Reverends B. C. Robeson, L. D. McQueen, L. J. Coleman, D. Sawyer, T. C. Marsh.

Evangelism—Reverends William Lyons, W. O. Cameron, J. A. McCoy, G. W. Murphy, D. W. Brooks.

Education—Reverends B. C. Robeson, I. M Carroll, W. W. Slade, H. D. Tillman, R. G. Cannady.

Periodicals—Reverends S. J. Wall, J. E. Reives, A. B. Harlee, J. D. McCoy, W. B. Gordon.

Temperance—Reverends W. W. Long, A. D. Bland, T. M. Stitt, W. H. Horton, C. T. Tharington.

Church Extension and Home Missions—Reverends J. H. Paschal, W. O. Cameron, W. H. Hadley, W. O. Waddell, J. Q. Johnson.

The Mid-Year Tercentenary Convocation—Reverends Peter Robinson, C. P. S. Harrison, W. W. Slade, J. A. Barber, H. D. Tillman, J. M. Gould, B. J. Pratt

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society—Mesdames Octavia Stevens, Mary Spruill, D J. Elliott, Daisy Robinson, M. B. Bethea, Jane McClain, Mary Armstrong, Misses Ella McIver, Georgia Taylor, Pluma DeVan, Ollie Smith, Geneva Guion.

Resolutions—Reverends W. W. Slade, B. C. Robeson, H. D. Tillman, J. M. Gould, W. M. C. DeBerry.

Memoirs—Reverends C. P. S. Harrison, A. J. McDonald, W. W. Long, R. Taylor, W. O. Waddell.

Publicity—Reverends W. J. Walls, Henry D. Tillman, J. M. Gould, R. Culbreth, B. C. Robeson.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Laurinburg, N. C., November 24, 1920.

The forty-second annual session of the Central North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church met in Franklin Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, with Bishop L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D., presiding.

After a few preliminaries, the Bishop ordered the calling of the roll, which was done, and the necessary corrections and additions were made.

A profound solemnity pervaded the Conference when names of Revs. H. C. Harrison and C. M. Mason were called. They failed to answer. They had answered to the roll call over on the Other Side, and had bidden this world "a long farewell."

The following officers were elected: Rev. Henry D. Tillman, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Gould, B. D., Assistant Secretary; Rev. R. Culbreth, Statistical Secretary; Rev. A. J. McDonald, Timist; and Revs. W. H. Coltrane, P. J. Jones, T. C. Marsh and G. W. Murphy, No. 1, Ushers.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first six seats across the church.

The Bishop then read the list of committees, and asked that the chairmen of the respective committees see that the reports be made when called for.

The devotional exercises were conducted as follows:

Rev. C. P. S. Harrison, D. D., lined hymn No. 840, "That doleful night before his death," which was feelingly sung Rev. W. H. Goler, A. M. D. D., read the scripture lesson from the 27th Psalm, then Bishop Kyles led in fervent prayer, after which he led the Conference in singing "Get right with God."

The Rev. R. G. Cannady was then introduced to preach the introductory sermon. He chose his text from Romans

1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," and preached a thoughtful and appropriate sermon.

In keeping with the time-honored custom in Methodism, Bishop Kyles, assisted by Dr. Goler and the Presiding Elders, administered the Holy Communion; and, besides the members of the Conference, a large number partook. This service was solemn and impressive.

The finance committee lifted a collection of $15.94.

The following visitors were introduced and accorded seats within the bar.

Rev. W. H. Goler, A. M., D. D., Financial Secretary and President Emeritus of Livingstone College; Rev. W. J. Walls, A. M., D. D., Editor of the Star of of Zion; Rev G. W. Harrell, P. E. of the South Florida Conference; Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Alexander of the Georgia Conference; Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Robeson, recently transferred from the Calfornia Conference, and stationed at Fayetteville, N. C., and Mrs. L. M. Kyles, wife of Bishop Kyles.

The pastor, Rev. Henry D. Tillman, announced that Matthews Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church would serve dinner immediately in the basement of the church, and recess was taken for the same.

Dr. W. H. Goler pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference re-assembled at 3 o'clock.

Hymn No. 427, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," was lined by Dr. W. J. Walls. Dr. C. C. Alleyne, editor of the Quarterly Review, led in prayer; then Bishop Kyles led in singing "Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart."

The report of the committee on credentials, also the report of the committee on rules, were called for. These committees not being ready to make full report, owing to the lack of time, the Lay Delegates were seated from the respective Presiding Elders' district, and Conference voted to adopt as our rules the program, with some slight modifications.

At this juncture the following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Messrs. A. A. James and W. L. Fields, officers of the Interstate Land Co., which gave our church two lots and furnished money to build a church adjoining the present site in 1912, and otherwise helping in the purchase of all the property and the building of the present church; Mr. A. M. Fairly; Revs. G. M. Daniel, pastor Graham and Haw River, and W. A. Cade, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the city. Each of these gentlemen made encouraging remarks, to which Dr. W. J. Walls responded.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

NIGHT SESSION

Before preaching hour the house was filled to its utmost capacity.

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah," was sung by the choir and congregation, then Rev. J. Z. Siler offered prayer, after which Dr. W. W. Slade lined hymn No. 247. After it was sung, Dr. C. P. S. Harrison introduced the Rev. R. Taylor to preach the annual sermon. Rev. Taylor selected his text from Philippians 4:11, subjct, "Contentment." He preached a plain, practical sermon which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Wm. Lyons, D. D., offered prayer, after which the choir sang a selection.

The finance committee lifted a collection of $30.87.

The pastor, Rev. Henry D. Tillman, acted as master of ceremonies while the local program was being carried out. Mr. A. H. Harris speaking words of welcome from Franklin Chapel; Rev. J. B. Francis, pastor of Bowers' Chapel Presbyterian Church, represented the churches of the city. Dr. N. E. Jackson spoke for the Sunday schools of the city, and Mr. W. P. Evans represented the business men. Each of these gentlemen were warm in their words of welcome, expressing his delight that so distinguished a body had met here.

Dr. C. C. Alleyne made respone to these addresses. Then following assignment of homes by the pastor, dox-

ology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. Taylor.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference opened at 10 o'clock. Dr. W. J. Walls lined hymn No. 549, "O for a closer walk with God," which was sung by the Conference; he then read the 3d chapter of Ephesians and made interesting and helpful comment on the same, after which Dr. G. W. Maize, P. E. of Blue Ridge Conference, led in fervent prayer. Dr. Walls then sung "Leave it there."

The regular routine work of the Conference was taken up, the Bishop calling for the reports of the Supernumerary Preachers. Twenty came forward and made their reports as missionaries.

The hour for special services having come, Revs. G. W. Harrell, W. W. Slade, D. D., and W. H. Goler, A. M., D. D., took seats upon the rostrum.

Dr. Slade lined hymn No. 32, "Jesus, Thou all-redeeming Lord," etc., which was sweetly sung. Dr. Goler read the scripture lesson from the 107th Psalm, and Rev. W. H. Hadley led in prayer. After a selection by the choir, Bishop Kyles introduced Rev. G. W. Harrell, .P E. of the South Florida Conference, to preach the Thanksgiving sermon. Rev. Harrell chose his text from Galatians 2:20, subject, "The Saviour and the Sinner." He preached a soul-stirring sermon, which made a profound impression upon all who heard it. Rev. A. A. Steele led in prayer, after which Dr. Slade led in singing "I'll be satisfied."

The finance committee lifted an offering which amounted to $38.75.

Doxology was sung, and Rev. G. W. Harrell pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

When Conference re-assembled Bishop Kyles led in singin, "Since Jesus came into my heart," etc.; then Conference repeated in concert the 1st Psalm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The following visiting ministers were introduced and made inspiring speeches: Rev. A. M. Barrett, A. M., D. D., president of Barrett College, Pee Dee, N. C.; Rev. G. H. Miles, A. M., D. D., fraternal delegate from the Virginia Conference; Rev. T. J. Houston, D. D., P. E. of the Concord district, West C. N. C. Conference; Rev. S. C. Waddell, fraternal delegate from the West C. N. C. Conference, and Rev. C. W. Carver, A. B., of the West C. N. C. Conference.

Dr. Goler spoke in highest terms of Dr. Barrett's work as a pioneer minister; of his pleasing countenance which portrayed a loving heart, that he (Dr. Goler) had always found him a sweet-spirited, lovable man, having never betrayed that pleasing countenance.

Dr. W. W. Slade made a rousing response to the fraternal greetings delivered by Revs. Miles and Waddell.

The Committee on Admission reported, recommending the admission of Rev. H. T. Reddick, from the Christian Church, on the face of his credentials. After some discussion, a motion prevailed that he be admitted.

The reports of the Conference workers were called for, and they reported as follows:

CARTHAGE DISTRICT

Mrs. S. W. Williams	$5.00
Miss Maggie McNeill	5.00
	$10.00

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Miss Gertrude Turner	$3.00
Mrs. Mary Baker	10.00
Mrs. Ida McBride	10.00
	$23.00

LAURINBURG DISTRICT

Mrs. Hattie Parker	$5.00
Mrs. Mary J. McNeill	5.00
Mrs. H. David	7.50
Mrs. A. J. Jenerett	12.50
Mrs. Mary A. Wilson	12.50
Mrs. Lela Black	12.50
Mrs. A. H. Gordon	20.50
	$75.50

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Mrs. L. A. Murchison	$5.00
Mrs. Sallie Rdley	5.00
Mrs. Janie Alston	5.00
Mry Mary Milliken	5.00
Mrs. Jane Richardson	6.00
Mrs. Mamie C. Peace	10.00
Mrs. Lonnie Howard	10.00
Mrs. Sallie Stitt	11.00
Mrs. Lizzie Ray	12.50
Mrs. Lucy Saulters	12.50
Mrs. Annie Dorsett	15.25
	$97.25

Grand total from the four P. E. Districts $205.75

NIGHT SESSION

Following a spirited song service, Rev. J. Fulford Williams, D. D., lined hymn No. 56, "Round the Lord, in glory seated," etc.,which was sung by the choir and congregation. Dr. Slade led in prayer, then Rev. Tillman lined and the choir and congregation sung the 521st hymn, commencing, "O, for a heart to praise my God," after which Bishop Kyles introduced Rev. C. C. Alleyne, A. M., D. D., editor of the Quarterly Review, who preached a powerful sermon from Romans 8:9, subject, "Marks of True Discipleship."

Dr. T. J. Houston led in prayer, after which the report of the committee on education was called for. Rev. B. C. Robeson read the report, following which Bishop Kyles made an appeal for the cause of education, and the amount of $95.00 was realized.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. C. C. Alleyne.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional exercises were conducted by Presiding Elder W. W. Slade, who lined hymn No. 1, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," etc., which was sung feelingly by the Conference. Presiding Elder J. A. Barber read the

scripture lesson from the second chapter of Titus, after which Rev. C. W. Carver invoked the Divine blessings upon the Conference. Rev. George M. McLean led in singing "Since Christ my soul from sin set free," afterwards fines amounting to $8.00 were collected from those absent when the roll was called.

On account of other urgent business the Conference Institute was deferred until later on in the session.

The following visiting ministers were introduced to the Conference and accorded seats within the bar:

Rev. S. D. Watkins, D. D., manager of the A. M. E. Zion Publishing House, of Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Thos. T. Taylor, of the West C. N. C. Conference; Rev. J. J. Hunter, of the Pee Dee Conference; Rev. D. B. Belcher, of the S. C. Conference; Rev. H. H. Jackson, A. B., fraternal delegate from the Western N. C. Confrence, and Rev. George W. Maize, D. D., P. E., fraternal delegate from the Blue Ridge Conference.

Revs. Maize and Jackson made short but interesting speeches, telling of the great work that had been done by the ministers and people of their respective Conferences the past year.

The pastors completed their reports, then we entered upon the special services. The 1st Psalm was repeated, then Rev. C. F. Martin offered prayer, after which "Jesus, the name high over all," was sung, then Bishop Kyles introduced to preach, the Rev. George W. Maize, D. D., P. E. of the Hendersonville District of the Blue Ridge Conference.

After singing "Christ is all the world to me," Dr. Maize chose his text from Mark 9:7, subject, "Jesus." He preached a soul-touching sermon that moved the audience to tears. "I'm on my way to heaven" was sung, after which Rev. A. A. Johnson led in prayer.

An offering of $16.70 was raised, then the Long Meter Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. G. W. Maize.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference opened at 3:30. The 23d Psalm was repeated in concert. Prof. Edward Evans led in prayer, after which "Saviour, more than life to me," was sung.

Place for the next Conference was taken up. Evans' Metropolitan Church, Fayetteville, N. C., and Kesler's Temple Church, Henderson, N. C., asked for the Conference in 1921. The vote was taken and Fayetteville received the highest number of votes. So it was decided that the next session of the Conference would meet in Evans' Metropolitan Church, Fayetteville, N. C., November 23, 1921. It was further decided that the Tercentenary Convocation would meet in Kesler's Temple Church, Henderson, N. C., April 20, 1921.

Rev. E. Johnson McKay, a transfer from the Blue Ridge Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. S. D. Watkins, manager of the A. M. E. Zion Publication House, spoke of the new machinery installed in the house, with a guaranteed assurance that there would be a decided improvement on the mechanical work coming out from there. He urged all to co-operate with him in the $5,000 Christmas Drive, and also the drive for 10,000 subscribers to "The Star of Zion." He told of the many kinds of books he had on hand now, and asked all to make purchase of them.

Doxology was sung. Dr. Williams pronounced the benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

The usual Conference song service was conducted by the brethren, beginning at 7:30. At 8 o'clock the Bishop Kyles led in repeating the 1st Psalm, then he offered prayer. After a selection by the choir, Bishop Kyles stated that tonight would be given over to the Women's Missionary Societies, in making reports, etc.

First to report was Mrs. Lillie Spruill, president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the

Raleigh District. Before making her report she thrilled the audience by singing "Steal away to Jesus." Total amount raised from her societies, $104.25. Miss Ella McIver, secretary of the Young Women's Department, reported $43.00. Miss Georgia Taylor, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported by proxy; amount collected, $42.20. Grand total received from the Raleigh District, $189.40.

Fayetteville District Missionary Women were next to report. Mrs. Octavia Stevens, president of the W. H. and F. M. Societies, reported $119.83. Miss Geneva Guions, secretary of the Young Women's Department, reported $29.66. Mrs. Mary L. Armstrong, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported by proxy; amount collected, $42.25. Grand total from the Fayetteville District, $191.74.

Mrs. Brazilian Smith, president of the W. H. and F. M. Societies of the Carthage District, reported $50.00. Mrs. Janie McLean, secretary of the Young Women's Department,, being absent, no report was sent. Miss Ollie B. Smith, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported $8.50. Grand total from the Carthage District, $58.50.

Laurinburg District came next. Mrs. B. J. Elliott, president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, reported $112.00. Mrs. M. B. Bethea, secretary of the Young Women's Department, reported $92.00. Miss Plummer DeVane, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported $62.50. Grand total from the Laurinburg District, $266.50.

Grand total from the four districts:

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies	$386.08
Young Women's Departments	164.66
Buds of Promise Societies	155.45
	$706.19
Public Collection	$21.00
	$727.19

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. D. H. Sansom, Jr.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference opened at 9:30, with devotional exercises. The 1st Psalm was repeated in concert, after which Rev. R. Taylor led in prayer, then "A charge to keep I have" was sung.

The regular routine work of the Conference was then taken up.

The Committee on First and SecondYear's Studies made their report, recommending the following entire combined classes continue their studies, as the examination had been conducted very carefully, according to the Book of Discipline, 100 per cent being the highest and 70 per cent the lowest:

J. P. Bonds 50; H. S. McNeill 40; J. J. McNeill 40; John J. McNeill 20; L. J. Coleman 40; K. C. Siler 50; J. B. Meekins 65; Wm. J. Jones 65; J. E. Reeves 40; J. N. Reeves 50; Lindo Lucas 40; W. S. McIver 30; O. W. Coward 30; I. A. Cameron 20; I. M. Carroll 60; D. W. Brooks 65.

Motion to adopt the report was arrested, and after some discussion pro and con it finally prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Third and Fourth Year Studies was adopted, after some little discussion and explanations.

The following are the Elders-elect: W. H. Perry, J. B. Watson, A. D. Black, A. E. Quick, T. L. Cannon.

Deacon-elect:Mrs. L. A. Murchison.

The lay delegates' reports were then called for.

The Raleigh District was represented by Mrs. M. B. McKay and Mr. Benjamin Lee, both of whom gave good accounts of the work and worth of the presiding elder, Dr. W. W. Slade, and the pastors of the Raleigh District, whose return was desired.

Special delegate from Kesler's Temple Church, Henderson, N. C., Mr. Edward Young, was loud in his praise of the pastor, Dr. J. Fulford Williams, whose return the church and community desired.

Messrs. S. P. Judd and S. W. Williams brought in the wishes of the membership of the Carthage District, where Presiding Elder Peter Robinson and a noble band of Christian ministers had done great work for God and Zion They wanted them for another year.

Messrs. James W. Bethea and C. L. Graham spoke in high terms of what had been done on the Laurinburg District through the self-sacrificing and untiring efforts of the presiding elder, Dr. C. P. S. Robinson, and the pastors of the said district. Their return, for the most part, was asked for another year.

The Fayetteville District was represented by Messrs. H. K. Johnson and P. W. Freeman, who asked for the return of Presiding Elder J. A. Barber and the earnest pastors of said district, through whose efforts the work of the Kingdom had advanced.

Prof. Edward Evans, special delegate from Evans' Metropolitan Church, Fayetteville, N. C., spoke of the great work of the pastor, Rev. B. C. Robeson, who took charge of the church August 14, 1920. He urged the Bishop to return Rev. Robeson for another year, also Presiding Elder Barber.

Bishop Kyles sang "Hold the fort; for I am coming," etc., and then commended the delegates for their excellent reports. He asked that all who were not subscribers to "The Star of Zion" to pay in their subscriptions.

Just here Dr. W. J. Walls, editor of "The Star of Zion," made a stirring appeal for co-operation with the management in the campaign for 10,000 subscribers, thereby meeting the pressing demands on the Publication House for new machinery, added help, etc.

Prof. L. D. Merritt, superintendent of Sunday schools of the Raleigh District, submitted his report. So did Mrs. E. L. Page, president of the Varick Christian Endeavor Societies of the said district. Mrs. Page paid in $6.00.

Prof. A. M. Johnson, superintendent of Sunday schools of the Laurinburg District, made his report.

Mrs. E. C. Blue, president of the V. C. E. Societies, reported $20.00.

Brothers I. M. Carroll and D. W. Brooks, Sunday school superintendent and V. C. E. president, respectively, of the Fayetteville District, made their reports.

Bro. Wm. J. Jones, superintendent of the Carthage District, submitted his report, following which the committee on Sunday schools reported.

The Committee on State of the Country reported. Dr. W. J. Walls spoke very interestingly to this report, and was generously applauded.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. W. W. Slade.

NIGHT SESSION

Saturday night session of Conference was opened by singing "Sometime we'll stand before the judgment bar," after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert.

At this juncture Bishop Kyles presented the plan of Organic Union between the A. M. E., the A. M. E. Zion and the C. M. E. Churches, the General Conferences of the three churches having already adopted it. Motion to adopt the plan was made by Dr. W. W. Slade and seconded by Rev. Robert Taylor. The motion was arrested and Dr. C. P. S. Harrison and Rev. B. C. Robeson spoke against it, while Dr. Slade and Bishop Kyles spoke for it. When the vote was taken it stood as follows: 47 for Organic Union, and 11 against Organic Union. (See plan.)

The reports of the presiding elders were then called for, and Dr. W. W. Slade, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, was first to respond. He gave an elaborate account of hisstewardship, paying a glowing tribute to pastors and people who stood by him so nobly in his toils and sacrifices and accomplishments for the Kingdom of the Master.

Representing the Raleigh District, Rev. R. Taylor presented Dr. Slade with a $75.00 suit and $25 in cash, which Dr. Slade received with thanks. Representing the same forces, Dr. Slade presented Bishop Kyles with a purse of

$46.25, for which the Bishop expressed his thanks and appreciation.

Rev. J. A. Barber, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District, submitted his report, which showed marked improvement spiritually, financially and materially. Total raised for all prposes, $23,872.38.

The district, through Rev. B. C. Robeson, presented Elder Barber with a $75.00 suit of clothes. He received the suit with thanks.

The Committee on Public Worship made their report for the Sabbath services, as follows:

To preach at Franklin Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, 11 A. M., Rev. W. H. Goler, A. M., D. D.; 3 P. M., Bishop L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D.; 8 P. M., Rev. W. J. Walls, A. M., D. D.

Galilee M. E. Church—11 A. M., Rev. E. M. Strong, A. B.; 8 P. M., Rev. A. E. Gordon, A. B.

Bright Hopewell Baptist Church—11 A. M., Rev. J. Z. Siler; 8 P. M., Rev. W. W. Long.

Bowers Chapel Presbyterian Church—11 A. M., Rev. B. C. Robeson, A. B.

The reports of the Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Evanglism and Memoirs were made and adopted.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

When the hour for preaching had come the church was filled to its utmost capacity. The choir, assisted by the congregation, sang "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," then Presiding Elder J. A. Barber lined hymn No. 32, "Jesus, thou all redeeming Lord." After it was sung the 1st Psalm was repeated in concert, then Dr. W. J. Walls read the scripture lesson from the 12th chapter of Romans. Rev. J. J. Stitt led in fervent prayer, after which Dr. W. H. Goler lined hymn No. 596, "O it is hard to work for God," which was sung by the choir and congregation.

Bishop Kyles sung "I'm on my way to Canaan's Land," and then asked all to bow with him in prayer; after prayer he introduced Rev. W. H. Goler, A. M., D. D., Financial Secretary and President Emeritus of Livingstone College, to preach. Dr. Goler selected his text from Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Strong, forceful and eloquent, he greatly encouraged all true believers to hold fast to the faith and practice of the gospel of the Son of God. At the close of the sermon the large audience joined Dr. W. J. Walls in singing "I've found a Friend in Jesus," then Rev. J. H. Paschal led in fervent prayer.

After singing "I'm a child of the King," Bishop Kyles extended an invitation to the unsaved to come forward for prayer; also to any one desiring to join the church. One joined the church and one came forward for prayer. Bishop Kyles offered the prayer, then the finance committee lifted a collection of $157.00.

After the doxology was sung, Dr. Goler pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

The afternoon services were begun by Dr. W. H. Goler lining and the choir and congregation singing the 662d hymn, commencing "How vain are all things here below." Rev. N. J. Pass, pastor of Galilee M. E. Church, city, read the scripture lesson from the 13th chapter of Hebrews. Rev. R. Taylor led in prayer, then Dr. Goler lined hymn No. 427, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." After it was sung he presented Bishop L. W. Kyles as speaker of the occasion. The Bishop chose his text from St. Matthew 7:25, subject, "Christianity, the surest foundation for human character." The powerful sermon preached by the Bishop will linger long in the minds of those who heard it, and doubtless will serve as an incentive to building the character on the Sure Foundation—Christ Jesus.

Rev. W. O. Waddell led in prayer. After a selection by the choir, a collection of $17.88 was lifted.

After announcements Bishop Kyles pronounced the benediction.

NIGHT SERVICES

The thronging crowd that attended the closing services of the Conference entered heartily into the services. Dr. W. H. Goler lined hymn No. 214, "Alas, and did my Saviour bleed," etc., which was sung. Rev. N. A. Nalston led in prayer, after which Dr. Goler lined hymn No. 160, "When all thy mercies, O my God," etc. He then introduced Dr. W. J. Walls, editor of "The tSar of Zion," to preach the closing sermon. Dr. Walls chose his text from Psalm 27:4, subject, "Life's Ruling Desire." Ornate in language and eloquent in delivery he captivated the entire audience. moving many to tears, while he encouraged them to loftier purpose and holier aim.

Rev. W. W. Long asked the blessings of the Lord upon the sermon, after which the amount of $13.85 was lifted.

At this juncture memorial services were held in honor of Elders H. C. Harrison and C. M. Mason, who had died during the year. Hymn No. 991, "Servant of God, well done," was lined by Rev. B. C. Robeson. It was sung with much feeling. Rev. C. T. Simmons offered prayer. Miss Kate Mae Monroe sang a solo, "Jerusalem! sing for the night is o'er." Revs. A. J. McDonald, B. C. Robeson and P. J. Jones spoke of these fallen heroes—how they had toiled and suffered in building up the Kingdom of the Master and spreading the borders of Zion, and in stamping the impression wherever they served that they were "holy men of God."

Rev. Robert Taylor led in singing "It is well with my soul," after which Rev. W. O. Waddell led in prayer.

Bishop Kyles stated that he regretted that the reports of Presiding Elders Harrison and Robinson had not been made. By common consent they were given opportunity to make partial reports and give the totals.

Rev. R. Culbreth, on behalf of the Laurinburg District, presented Dr. Harrison with a purse, which was accepted

with thanks; then for the said district Dr. Harrison presented the Bishop with $50.00; and Presiding Elder J. A. Barber, for the Fayetteville District, presented the Bishop with $37.50. Rev. B. C. Robeson presented Elder Barber with a purse.

Presiding Elder Peter Robinson presented the Bishop with a purse, and the pastors of the Carthage District presented Elder Robinson with $100.00.

The passage of characters was then taken up, beginning with the Carthage District.

The alleged disloyalty of Presiding Elder Peter Robinson and Rev. J. W. Hill, pastor of Carthage circuit, was taken up and discussed by different ones, whereupon they both gave satisfaction to the Bishop and Conference; then their characters was passed along with that of the pastors of the said district.

The character of the ministers of the other districts was passed as they came before the altar.

The Bishop read the appointments of the preachers, missionary and other workers for another Conference year..

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, and Bishop Kyles pronounced the benediction.

L. W. KYLES, Presiding Bishop.

HENRY D. TILLMAN,
Secretary and Compiler.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of

REV. HENRY CLAY HARRISON

BORN DECEMBER 10, 1854

DIED APRIL 24, 1920

Forty-three Years a Minister of the Gospel

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

of

REV. C. M. MASON

BORN JANUARY 26, 1855

DIED SEPTEMBER 1, 1920

"Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit, rest thee now!
E'en while with us thy footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow."

REPORT OF THE CARTHAGE DISTRICT
P. Robinson, P. E.

Laurinburg, N. C., November 24, 1920.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—I feel gateful to Him who said "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," that I am permitted to read another annual report. Many have been my nights of sorrow. Often have I wandered, as a pelican of the wilderness, with the dark curtains of the unseen future wrapped about me, with no polar star to guide me, only now and then a gentle breeze, as if wafted by the wing of angels, would kiss my sorrow away, then a still, small voice would whisper, "Fear not, for I am a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Then my soul would mount as if on angels' wings and soar into the light of joy. Then the thoughts of the poet would thrill my soul, which says:

It is not so, but so it seems,
Oh, it is hard to work for my God,
To rise and take his part;
Upon this battle field of life,
And not some time lose heart.
And we take courage then;
For doubts will come if God hath kept
His promiss to men.

Brethren, preach the gospel. Be truthful and honest. Let your word stand for something. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.For we must all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

It is quite painful, yet it is true, our ministerial ranks have been broken by death. Elders H. C. Harrison and C. M. Mason have left us and gone over Jordan. Brethren, we who are the soldiers of Christ cannot be always marching and fighting. The evening will come; the shadows will gather, and we too must go to the white tents of the grave. There we shall sleep soundly, but the night will pass along and the first thing we shall hear will be the trumpet call, sounding the reveille of the resurrection; and we who have lived godly, with oil in our vessels, our lamps all trimmed and burning, shall come up and fall into the long line of light with the trophies of Christian conflict gleaming in the unsetting sun. The roll shall be calleed and we shall answer to our names. Then we, too, shall go to our morning's repose in heaven.

Brethren, let me repeat: take up your cross, whatever it be, and let the gospel light shine; for through that alone shall men be saved. Many thousands have looked upon the dream of Pilate's wife, and that great picture of that great commentator in color, Gustave Dore, and hve marked as its most wonderful conception the distant Calvary, with its empty cross bathed in mysterious light, and the

innumerable throngs that toil upwards to it with shining faces, and the deep night-sky that seems to overbrim with angels. So the cross will shine at last above the dark continent, where Moffat lived, and Livingstone died praying; over India, where Carey planted his forlorn hope; and grand old Samuel Wesley would have gladly laid his dust. And the shining host shall be the souls of all the saved, and the wondrous light of the morning, of the new heaven, filling the new earth. For Christ will have drawn all men unto Himself.

I shall now attempt to speak of these honest toiling pastors and members. Some of them have labored at quite a disadvantage. Just what the disadvantage was I will not say just now; but if they want it known they can say as the Apostle Paul, "I thank thee, Oh King Agrippa, that I have the pleasure of standing before thee and speaking for myself before I go to Nero's block."

(1) Rev. J. W. Hill, the quill-driving pastor of the Carthage Circuit, has passed his own record; he has done some work at Mt. Zion has a bank account to start the new church at Carthage. The people say there is more money in the treasury than ever before. His report is round. Building school at cost of $14,000.00.

(2) Rev. A. A. Johnson, pastor of New Hope Circuit. The wonder man. No one can do just like him. Not only do his own people honor him, but the white folks say he is one of the best and most honest men they ever saw. He comes with a good report; hear ye him.

(3) Rev. W. H. Coltrain, pastor of Cameron Circuit. This train has climbed many a grade, but this Cameron grade is quite steep and the rail is slick and no sand to be found. He comes with a grand report, and beautifully printed. Hood's Chapel put in electric lights and pillars under the church.

(4) Rev. G. W. Murphy, pastor of Jonesboro Circuit. He is our meek and lamb-like pastor, but in the pulpit he is a roaring lion. He has beautifully painted Jonesboro Church and has paid for the same, and has collected all general claims. Hear ye him.

(5) Rev. W. F. McKee, pastor of Chestnut Circuit. The sainted apostle has played his part well, and is a good pastor. His people love him and say they must have him back for another year. He comes with a good report.

(6) Rev. D. Sawyer, pastor of Pinehurst Circuit. The little Zaccheus—low in stature, but high in gospel. He is among the best preachers of the Conference. He has all gneral claims and has done well on tercentenary money, taking into consideration the two mission points and preaching in outhouses in two places.

(7) Rev. A. J. McDonald, the old war-horse of the Holly Springs Circuit, has played his part well. Owing to to the distance of the churches apart,, and his age, no better preacher can hardly be found.

Sent his claims in nearly two months before Conference. He is worthy of any place the Bishop may send him.

(8) Rev. L. J. Colman, pastor Broadway Circuit. Owing to some misunderstanding, Brother Coleman has had a harde time this year. He is not to be blamed for all of it; some one else has a finger in the pie. All claims have been collected, but the trustees just decided they would not pay them, so Brother Coleman could not get them; that is, the trustees of Cameron Grove. He succeeded in putting pillars under Cameron, partly seated Chapel Hill, also one large gasoline lamp all paid for.

(9) Rev. T. C. Marsh, pastor of Narrington Circuit, is a strong young man. His word is one hundred per cent. The people love him. He has partly built a recess at Norrington and comes with a round report on all claims.

10) Rev. C. M. McLean, pastor Green Grove Circuit, is a hard-workng pastor, and with his chance has done well. Hear his report.

(11) Rev. L. D. McQueen, pastor of Robinson Chapel Circuit. He is one of the best pastors in the Conference. Everybody believes he has religion. He has succeeded in getting Murchison Chapel into our fold. The same has been deeded to Zion, and I hold the same. He will hold anywhere he is sent. Not only is he a pastor, but a preacher. Oh, how we wish we had more men like him to bring in something. Hear his report.

(12) Rev. G. F. Gibson, pastor of Lillington Circuit—the little David of the District. He is one among the best pastors that I have ever seen. He knows how to treat company when they visit him. He has completed the recess at Oak Grove. Built one at Davis, and money in the treasury to start a new church at Wesley. The people say they are in better condition than they have been in thirty years, and if Rev. Gibson is moved from there I do not want to pass there in an airship. He comes with a full certificate.

(13) Rev. J. M. McNeill, pastor of Williams Chapel Mission. This is a good brother; but the truth of the matter is, he has nobody to work with but about three members. All of his assessments comes out of his own pocket. I feel like he needs help, and that right now. Hear his report.

(14) Rev. A. J. Baker, pastor Kelley's Mission. This brother has done the best he could. Hear his report.

There are other mission points I will not mention, for there is neither members, house nor land. These men were sgned there with nothing but a name. All they can report is what they pay out of their own pockets.

Our Missionary Ladies

I am sorry that our ladies have not done better than they have. Here is the trouble: our first president resigned the last of the

spring or the first of the summer and a new one had to be appointed. She went to work hard for a fall drive, being new at the business, and behold, when the fall came great was the fall that we all know about. It was not intentional to not bring a round report, but the people did not have it.

PASTORS' REPORTS.

Carthage Circuit—J. W. Hill—No. Converts 36; No. Members 200; Pastor's salary $1,450; P. E. salary $130.00; Total $3,276.41.

New Hope Circuit—A. A. Johnson—Converts 26; Members 120; Pastor's salary $1,027.75; P. E. salary $120.00; Total $1,787.95.

Cameron Circuit—W. H. Coltrain—Converts 13; Members 190; Pastor's salary $867.60; P. E. salary $80.00; Total $1,237.00.

Pinehurst Circuit—D. Sawyer—Converts 6; Members 91; Pastor's salary $601.00; P. E. salary $50.00; Total $1,225.00.

Holly Springs—A. J. McDonald—Converts 25; Members 184; Pastor's salary $500.00; P. E. salary $85.00; Total $1,375.75.

Jonesboro Circuit—G. W. Murphy—Converts 27; Members 166; Pastor's salary $720.00; P. E. salary $120.00; Total $1,439.00.

Norrington—T. C. Marsh—Converts 21; Members 165; Pastor's salary $650.00; P. E. salary $80.00; Total $1,268.00.

Broadway Circuit—L. J. Colman—Converts 28; Members 64; Pastor's salary $375.00; P. E. salary $60.00; Total $663.00.

Chestnut—W. F. McKee—Converts 27; Members 150; Pastor's salary $800; P. E. salary $60.00; Total $1,400.00.

Robinson Chapel—L. D. McQueen—Convrts 60; Members 90; Pastor's salary $400.00; P. E. salary $50.00; Total $655.00.

Kelly's Chapel—A. J. Baker—Converts 5; Members 13; Pastor's salary $45.00; P. E. salary ____; Total $53.00.

Gree nGrove Circuit—G. M. McLain—Converts 3; Members 29; Pastor's salary $140.00; P. E. salary $10.00; Total $203.35.

Lillington Circuit—G. F. Gibson—Converts 65; Members 470; Pastor's salary $923.21; P. E. salary $175.00; Total $1,715.22.

Benson Mission Mission—L. D. Lucas—Total $67.51.

J. M. McNeill—Converts 4; Pastor's salary .UC cmfwypcmfwyp

J. M. McNeill—Converts 4; Members 12; Pastor's salary ____; P. E.salary ____; Total $36.50.

Total converts 345; Total members 1,838; Total on pastor's salary $8,499.56; Total on P. E. salary $1,020.00. Grand total for all purposes, $16,402.69.

One church raised for district prposes $2,000.00. A grand total of $18.402.69.

REPORT OF THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

J. A. Barber, Presding Elder

Very Esteemed Bishop, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Delegates, Members and Friends:

Through the good Providence of our Heavenly Father and the love of Jesus, our Saviour, and the guidance of the Holy Ghost, our Comforter, I am blessed once more to bring to you another annual report of the labors and success of the faithful pastors and people composing the Fayetteville District.

On the 14th day of December, 1919, at Red Springs, N. C., you gave us a solemn charge to keep and a great duty to perform, and as obedient servants we accepted the charge sincerely and entered upon the discharge of our duties faithfully; and today we are here, dear Bishop, to relate to you our successes and our failures. Certainly, we have a very bitter experience in the closing days of our year's work. The time that we were expecting to raise the full amount of the tercentenary money and other claims, the cotton market caved in and factories and other public works began to close down, and cut time in such a way that it was impossible for us to raise the full assessment of the tercentenary money. But I am pleased to say that we came up, by the help of God, with a round report on all other assessments.

The pastors have striven hard to improve their charges in every way. The spiritual condition of the district is encouraging. The social and material stations of both pastors and people is good. The spirit of loyalty and patriotism fills the heart and governs the actions of all the pastors and a large majority of the members composing the Fayetteville District.

The missionary ladies and Conference workers are faithful and true. They are doing a praiseworthy work to foster the cause of missions and to bring our Conference to the front in material development. I feel that I am highly favored to have my lot cast among such a noble set of ministers and God-fearing people as are found on the Fayetteville District. Therefore I have striven hard this year to do my full duty as Presiding Elder, that each of us might submit a report to this Conference that is in keeping with the charge committed to our trust. The reports of the pastors are as follows:

Evans Metropolitain Chuch.—This church had a bad start off in the first of the year. Rev. Stovall did not accept the appointment and the church was without a pastor for a while. I was fortunate to secure the services of Rev. W. B. Gordon, who rendered acceptable service. He kept the people together, raised $322.00 tercentenary money and paid off a lon-standing mortgage against the parsonage, and turned the church over on the second Sunday in August to Rev. B. C. Robeson in fine shape. On the 8th day of

August the Rev. Benjamin C. Robeson was upon the scene and took hold of the church and people with a masterly hand; and whereas, they thought they could only do some things, he soon taught them the significant lesson that they could do all things through Christ who strengtheneth them. He put the financial machine in motion and in six weeks pulled off a rally of $1,010.00. He has added nearly 100 members to the church in three months. Rev. Robeson is a pastor of the first rank. See report.

Matocks Memorial Station.—This is pastored by that thoughtful, scholarly and experienced Christian man, Dr. Wm. Lyons. He feeds this flock with the pure Word of God and teaches them to be faithful and true to God and Zion. He has reduced a $1,300.00 debt to $630.00 and come up with a round report—every cent for everything.

Flea Hill Circuit.—This circuit is pastored by that true and tried Zionite, Rev. W. O. Waddell. He knows how to make things go foando. fron jBvBfeoreMhL cmrfJ cmfwyp cmfwyp vbgkqjbg right. He has raised his full assesments on general claims and a good portion of tercentenary money and added many souls to the church.

Dunn Circuit.—This circuit is pastored by that sweet singer, sound gospel preacher, Rev. W. H. Horton. He keeps his church spiritually alive and teaches the pure principles of loyalty to God and Zion. Rev. Horton is an excellent pastor and his work is in fine condition. He comes up with a round report on everything.

Manchester Circuit.—Rev. C. G. Tharrington is pastor of this charge. He enjoys the confidence of his people, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. His work is alive. His church loves him and sends him up with round report—every cent for everything.

Beaver Creek Circuit—Rev. W. H. Hadley is pastor of this charge. He has made himself equal to the task. The work has prospered in his hands this year and many souls added to the church. Peace and harmony prevail between pastor and people. He comes up with a full report for everything.

St. John Circuit, Rev. T. M. Stitt, pastor.—This charge has enjoyed three years of prosperity under the pastorate of this good man. Rev. Stitt is one who knows no failure. He has never failed, His pople love him, and he sends to the Conference a round report—every cent for everything.

Lock Creek Circuit, Rev. J. Q. Johnson, pastor.—This circuit has taken on new life. The people on the entire circuit love Rev. Johnson and say that they don't see any way to get along without him. He comes to the Conference with a full report for everything.

Tar Heel Circuit.—This charge is pastored by that meek and lamb-like disciple, Rev. A. D. Bland who, like Moses, receives his message at the mouth of God and tells it to his people. The work

is in good condition. The people love him, and send him here with a round report.

Selma Circuit, Rev. J. H. Huggins, pastor.—This charge has enjoyed very good success this year. The pastor and his flock have labored together faithfully and lovely. He comes up with a full report.

Hood Temple Circuit, Rev. J. H. Parker, pastor.—This work is doing well under his leadership. He has inclosed the church at Hebrew and is holding service in it. The spiritual condition is good, and he comes up with a round report for everything.

Mt. Hebrew Circuit, Rev. O. D. Lett, pastor.—This charge was pastored the first of the year by our dear brother, Rev. H. C. Harrison. It pleased our Heavenly Father to call him about the first May from labor to reward. This was a very sad event and caused great sorrow in the hearts of the people; but we are pleased to know that our loss is heaven's gain. I was fortunate to secure the services of Rev. O. D. Lett. He took up the work earnestly and faithfully. He proved equal to the task and comes up to the Conference with a round report—every cent for everything.

Cross Creek Mission, Rev. W. O. Cameron, pastor.—This mission is not doing so very well, because it is hard to reach, but Rev. Cameron has worked faithfully to keep it alive and make it stand for something in Zion. He comes to the Conference with a good report. General claims $10.00; church extension $1.00; education $1.00.

Mrs. Octavia Stevens, missionary president, has done well, as her report will show.

No of churches 31; No. of schools 31; No. in school 1,915; total raised in Sunday schools, $1,582.80; total value of churches $130-300.00; total value of parsonages $13,100; total value of pastor's salary $9,238.60; total value general claims $1,340.00; total value support of Conference $125.00; total for education $136.00; total for church extension and home missions $68.00; total for foreign missions $68.00; total for Sunday school union $25.00; total for V. C. E. Union $25.00; foreign mission schools $25.00; for publication house $25.00; for Conference schools $128.00; presiding elder $1,240.00; endowment Livingstone College $45.00; American Bible Society $45.00; Tercentenary $1,955.00. Grand total $23,872.38.

PASTORS' REPORTS

1. Evans Metropolitan Church, Fayetteville, N. C., Rev. Benjamin C. Robeson, pastor—No. conversions 45; No. members 37[illegible] raised for pastor $1,100.00; raised for P. E. $160.00; raised for general claims $275.00; raised for other purposes $2,896.00. Total $4,431.00.

2. Mattocks Memorial Church, Fayetteville, N. C., Rev. Wm. Lyons, D. D., pastor—No. conversions 30; No. members 110; raised

for pastor $900.00; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for general claims $100.00; raised for other purposes $1,340.93. Total $2,420.93.

3. Flea Hill Circuit, Rev. W. O. Waddell, pastor—N. conversions 42; No. members 280; raised for pastor $700.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $150.00; raised for other purposes $880.00. Total $1,850.00.

4. Dunn Circuit, Rev. W. H. Horton, pastor—No. conversions 3; No. members 128; raised for pastor $1,123.75; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $100.00; raised for other purposes $657.02. Total $2,000.77.

5. Manchester Circuit, Rev. C. T. Tharrington, pastor—No. conversions 82; N .members 275; raised for pastor $1,000.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $130.00; raised for other purposes $1,750.25. Total $3,000.00.

6. Beaver Creek Circuit, Rev. W. H. Hadley, pastor—No. conversions 50; No. members 398; raised for pastor $795.97; raised for P. E .$120.00; raised for general claims $150.00; raised for other purposes $810.48. Total $1,876.45.

7. St. John Circuit, Rev. T. M. Stitt, pastor—No. conversions____ No. members____; raised for pastor____; raised for P. E._____; raised for general claims____;raised for other purposes____; total ____

8. Lock's Creek Circuit, Rev. J. Q. Johnson, pastor—No. conversions 24; No. members 155; raised for pastor $624.53; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for general claims $75.00; raised for other purposes $426.46. Total $1,205.99.

9. Tar Heel Circuit, Rev. A. D. Bland, pastor—No. conversions 23; No. members 234; raised for pastor $678.24; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for general claims $163.50; raised for other purposes $428.42. Total $1,350.16.

10. Selma Circuit, Rev. J. H. Hagans, pastor—No. conversions 15; No. members 110; raised for pastor $600.00; raised for P. E. $97.00; raised for general claims $75.00; raised for other purposes $395.50. Total $1,167.50.

11. Hood Temple Circuit, Rev. J. H. Parker, pastor—No. conversions 7; No. members 105; raised for pastor $452.11; raised for P. E. $71.85; raised for general claims $50.00; raised for other purposes $276.04. Total $850.00.

12. Mt. Hebrew Circuit, Rev. O. D. Lett, pastor—oN. conversions 33; No. members 75; raised for pastor $523.63; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for general claims $50.00; raised for other purposes $279.12. Total $934.75.

Cross Creek Mission, Rev. W. O. Cameron, pastor—No. conversions____; No. members ____; raised for pastor____; raised for P. E._____; raised for general claims____; raised for other purposes ____; total____

REPORT OF THE LAURINBURG DISTRICT

C. P. S. Harrison, D. D., P. E.

Most Esteemed Bishop, Pastors, Delegates and Members of the Conference:

Today marks the assembling of the 42d session of the Central N. C. Conference. We are grateful to Him for health, peace and prosperity, that life has been given us uring the past year to meet and to acknowledge our thankfulness to God the giver of all good. Again I congratulate you on your return to us for another four years; one whose esteem may well be coveted by the most eminent. We regard you as one of the brightest stars in the ministerial constellation—a champion of our manhood rights, a theologian of unusual capacity, and a pulpit orator of almost unequalled excellence, a ripe scholar, a giant in debate. We therefore extend to you an earnest welcome to the 42d session of this Conference. We feel that the golden chain of friendship and brotherly love which unites us in one common brotherhood is stronger, brighter and more beautiful today than ever before.

Again having been assigned the distinguished position as spokesman for the pastors, missionary presidents and the good people of this district, I desire to assure you that I am not insensible to the honor conferred, nor to the delicate responsibility it involves. We present to you a class of men that has a mind to work, while many on their fields had a mind to look and to talk. We have learned that nothing is accomplished in the divine life without honest, faithful effort; and no honest, faithful effort in God's work will be wanting of God's help. It matters but little as to other conditions if these be present. Self-help is the only hope and security of God's help. Thus we have come to deliver the goods.

These pastors are in fellowship with God and in touch with Jesus. They have done the best they could. The following is their report:

Franklin Chapel, Rev. H. D. Tillman, pastor.—A man of rare native endowment, with moral courage, based upon his deep-seated convictions, makes him a strong, valuable man. This beautiful edifice so neatly finished speaks for itself. It tells of the two years' hard labor and the many sacrifices he and the good people of Washington Park and their many friends have made. It is a credit to Zion and an honor to him. He comes to the Conference with a good report, having been pastor here for five years, and is ready for whatever there is in store for him.

Maxton Circuit, Rev. R. Culbreth, pastor.—He has served this charge two years and has had the greatest financial success this year than of any previous year. He has fought some heavy battles this year and comes off the field victorious. He is a strong preacher, demanding his place among the leading pastors.

3. Matthews Chapel Circuit, Rev. S. J. Wall, pastor.—Owing to sickness in his family the first of the year he was greatly handicapped and this gave him a late start-off; but he succeeded in building a tower at St. Paul Church and raised a lot of money for the new church at Matthews Chapel. The people ask his return for another year.

4. Raeford Circuit, Rev. N. A. Alston, pastor.—On his return to his charge he looked westward and saw a mighty storm rising, but he anchored down until it had passed over. He then went down upon his knees and planted himself behind a powerful battery upon the summit of truth. With sufficient ammunition he swept down the black cavalry, took his field and remodeled the church at a cost of several hundred dollars. He comes up with a good report.

5. Bridges Grove Circuit, Rev. A. E. Gordon, pastor.—He has proved his ability as a builder this year. He has erected a fine church at Sandy Grove which when finished will be as good as any in the district. It overlooks several frames that lay there and rotted for the want of energy and means to finish them. He deserves credit for the sacrifice made.

Parkton Circuit, Rev. A. A. Steele, pastor.—The sweet songster in Israel; a ready preacher and pastor of the first rank. Succeeds wherever he is sent, and the only pastor in the Confernce that makes an average of a convert in his church monthly. He is still holding his own. He has seated the church at St. Pauls at a cost of $800, painted the church at Parkton, that tells the travelers about Zion many miles away. Great is our Steele; may he live long to do service for God and Zion.

Red Springs Station, Rev. J. M. Gould, B. D., pastor.—Better known as the Cyclone Preacher. A fine pastor, successful church governor, pleasing in his manner, loving and kind to all who come in contact with him. He has broken the record this year: Raised $1,200 in one rally, seated the church at a cost of over $2,700, and comes to the Conference with a full report, which renders him worthy and ready for whatever you may have in store for him.

Johns Circuit, Rev. W. M. C. DeBerry, pastor.—He is a fine preacher, profound scholar, a Christian gentleman, loved by all who know him. He has succeeded well this year. An able defender of his race, the church is always safe in his hands.

Mountain Grove Circuit, Rev. E. V. McIver, pastor.—The old reliable has done a splendid work this year. He has built up his people morally and financially, and they are ready to start the new church at Mountain Grove which has long been planned, and all efforts have failed until now. He is a good pastor, succeeds wherever he is sent.

Alma Circuit, Rev. S. M. Stedman, pastor.—He has broken the record in that section. The people regard him as one of the great-

est preachers they have ever had. He is carrying them chaff before a tornado. They feel that they won't need any change of pastors for years to come. He has ceiled Alford Chapel, which adds much growth and has added many to the church. To see him means to hate him; to know him means to love him.

Aberdeen Circuit, Rev. A. T. McNeill, pastor.—He succeeded the late Rev. C. M. Mason, who departed this life in September. He lived up to his Christian duty, carried the church safe up to his death. Zion has lost a great and good man. I shall miss him for years to come; but our loss is heaven's gain. Rev. McNeill took charge of the work and has succeeded well. He has only served a little over two months and comes with a full report. The people all seem to love him and ask his return for another year.

Southern Pines Circuit, Rev. J. W. Marsh, pastor.—He has broken all previous records by raising the highest amount of money that has ever been raised in the history of the church. He holds the banner over all previous pastors. He and his good people are planning and are now ready to start their new church building at a cost of $20,000. He is a good pastor, a fine preacher, a Christian gentleman, succeeds wherever sent. Great is our J. W. Marsh.

Prospect Circuit, Rev. C. F. Martin, pastor.—He is a man with unyielding faith, and knows no failures. He has had the toughest time of any on the district, yet he has fought a good fight, kept the faith, and comes off the field victorious. He is a strong young man with a bright future, and is worthyof a good charge.

Missionary Ladies.—They are fine and faithful and have done their work well and are praiseworthy. Mrs. B. J. Elliott has left no stone unturned and has not allowed her department to trail in the dust, but comes up with a good report.

Mrs. M. B. Bethea has charge of the Young Women's Department. She is one of the most devoted supporters of the church. She is admired on the district for her wisdom and splendid leadership. She is a bright star in the district and comes up with the largest amount that has ever been raised in this department.

Miss Pluma DeVan has charge of the Buds. They are in fine condition and are still holding their own. She has this department well in hand, as her report will attest.

Totals.

Conversions 309; No. members 3,059; paid on repairs $3,871.58; in treasury for building $5,381.63; pastor's salary $11,578.95; churches 25; missionary money $558.63; Grand total $33,957.10.

Pastors' Reports

1. Franklin Chapel Church, Laurinburg, N. C., Rev. Henry D Tillman, pastor.—No. conversions 87; No. members 275; raised for

pastor $1,500.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $200.00; raised for other purposes $4,180.00. Total $6,000.00.

2. Maxton Circuit, Rev. R. Culbreth, pastor.—No conversions 45; No. members 200; raised for pastor $1,100.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $1,695.50. Total $2,975.50.

3. Matthews Chapel Circuit, Rev. S. J. Wall, pastor.—No. conversions 45; No. members 164; raised for pastor $787.84; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $145.00; raised for other purposes $450.50. Total $1,503.34.

4. Raeford Circuit, Rev. N. A. Alston, pastor.—No. conversions 30; No members 200; raised for pastor $700.00; raised for P. E. $92.50; raised for general claims $95.00; raised for other purposes $740.30. Total $1,627.80.

5. Bridgers Grove Circuit, Rev. A. E. Gordon, pastor.—No. conversions 12; No. members 102; raised for pastor $640.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $1,052.90 Total $1,872.90.

6. Parkton Circuit, Rev. A. A. Steele, pastor.—No. conversions 30; No. members 190; raised for pastor $1,020.00; raised for P. E. $110.00; raised for general claims $140.00; raised for other purposes $1,250.28 Total $2,520.28.

7. Red Springs Church, Rev. J. M. Gould, B. D., pastor.—No. conversions 20; No. members 280; raised for pastor $1,300.00; raised for P. E. $125.00; raised for general claims $180.00; raised for other purposes $4,190.75. Total $5,795.75.

8. Johns Circuit, Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry, A. B., D. D., pastor.—No. conversions____; No. members____; raised for pastor $____; raised for P. E. $____; raised for general claims $____; raised for other purposes $____. Total $____

9. Mountain Grove Circuit, Rev. E. V. McIver, pastor.—No conversions 34; No. members 170; raised for pastor $525.00; raised for P. E. $85.00; raised for general claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $869.50. Total $1,569.50.

10. Alma Circuit, Rev. S. M. Stedman, pastor.—No conversions 20; No. members 80; raised for pastor $850.00; raised for P. E. $72.50; raised for general claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $843.50. Total $1,846.00.

11. Aberdeen Circuit, Rev. A. T. McNeill, pastor.—No. conversions 5; No. members 71; raised for pastor $813.25; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $64.00; raised for other purposes $647.27. Total $1,624.52.

12. Southern Pines, Rev. J .W. Marsh, pastor.—No. conversions 35; No .members 150; raised for general claims $140.00; raised for other purposes $3,755.84. Total $4,929.60.

13. Prospect Circuit, Rev. C. F. Martin, pastor.—No. conversions 7; No. members 47; raised for pastor $315.00; raised for P. E. $32.00; raised for general claims $47.00; raised for other purposes $126.10. Total $520.10.

REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER OF THE RALEIGH DISTRICT

W. W. Slade, Presiding Elder

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

I am thankful to our Heavenly Father for permitting me to appear in your august presence to submit my annual report as presiding elder of the Raleigh District. We hoisted our sails twelve months when we left Red Springs, N. C., and we have kept them unfurled to the breeze. It seemed at times that our sails would be torn saunder by the bellowing winds of Satanic opposition, but by the help of God we have brought the old ship of Zion safe to land once more. All the praise belongs to God. Bishop, the Raleigh District is composed of as fine a people as can be found on earth anywhere. The ministers that are leading them are simply superb along every line. They have done yeoman service and their characters are as clean as the proverbial hound's tooth. To know them is to love them. Some of them are young, but they are willing to take advice from those that know. Bishop, we feel congratulated on having you with us as our great leader another quadrennium, and we feel now that you have come to stay until traveling days are done; so fix for a long stay of life, the Lord willing. Your leadership has been of a nature that has produced inexplicable results. As you are well aware, Bishop, we have that part of the Central Conference that requires the greatest attention on account of the great necessity for more and better church buildings and men to explain the tenets and doctrins of our church, to the extent that those that are not familiar with our church may get a thorough knowledge of all her working machinery. This requires men of the right material from every viewpoint. Our district has gone forward this year by leaps and bounds along every line. Great revivals have been held all over the district this year, with unusual results. The devil's camp has been bombarded with unlimbered twelve-inch guns. The roaring cannon of prayer have had telling effect against the ramparts of hell. God be praised for he great victories we have achieved in His name. Many have been baptized and taken in the church.

Bishop, I am proud to inform you that a builiding boom has begun on the district that is destined to conclude with a new church at every poin tneeded, and at other places where there is to be improvement the work will be done. Rev. J. J. Stitt has served the Gees Grove Circuit with pleasure and profit. The people all

love him; he has thoroughly renovated the church, and now it compares favorably with any church building in the Conference. Stitt has made good at this point and I beg the Bishop to please return him to them another year.

Rev. W. D. Drake has surpassed all records on the Siler City Circuit. He is preparing to build at Stanleys, and the other churches are in good shape. He has made arrangements to purchase a new church for Jordans Grove. His people are loud in their praise of him and want him returned to them.

Cumnock Circuit is pastored by that theological genius in the person of Rev. C. T. Simmons. As a preacher he has but few equals in the Conference and no superiors. His work is in good condition and his people love him and desire his return for another year. Simmons has greatly improved this work from every view point; he will suit anywhere.

Rev. W. W. Long, the veteran war-horse of the Raleigh District, has outdone himself on this work. He has built St. Matthews and very nearly completed same this Conference year. The new curch at Mitchells Chapel, also at Evans, stand out as living monuments in honor of Rev. Long. The people all over the work want him back for another year. Long is all right.

Holland Circuit, pastored by that scholar and astute theologian, has done a great work on the Holland Circuit this year, and the people are loud in his praise for the great leadership he has displayed this year on that circuit. Cannady will make good anywhere.

John H. Paschal has charge of our church in the bull city of Durham, N. C. He is better known by his friends as the bellowing bull of the woods. How well he hasdone at this place cannot be estimated. He has met the giant of opposition and slain him in his lair. He stands at the head of the class in soul-winning and raising money in a single rally. We are to have at last a metropolitan church in the city of Durham, N. C. The people of Durham throng to hear him blow the gospel bugle. He is a stirring preacher. They all want you to return him to St. Mark another year.

Raleigh Station, pastored by the cyclone preacher of the east, has mastered the situation at the Capital City of Raleigh, and is preparing to build a metropolitan church in that city. Bishop, Pratt is a power in the pulpit and people throng his church to hear his fiery gospel sermons. He is the match for anything in that city. To know Pratt is to love him. All the people want you to return him to them at Rush Memorial Church. I will vouch for Pratt.

Rev. J. Z. Siler, the building wizard of the Conference, has clipped close at Rev. Paschal's heels in soul-saving and raising money in a single rally. Siler is the very embodiment of optimism. He knows no failures along any line. He is one of our best young

preachers. He is in great demand all over the district for preaching funerals. If Siler lives a few more months he will present to the Conference a metropolitan church at Franklinton, N. C. Siler is a great fellow. The people of Franklinton want him returned for another year. Good for Siler.

Henderson Station, pastored by Rev. J. F. Williams, is in good shape. Rev. Williams and his better half have done a great work at this place this year. They have renovated the basement and made it a thing of beauty and all the entertainments are held in the basement. The people are loud in their praise of Bro. Williams. He is a great organizer. The people of Henderson want him returned.

Oxford Circuit is pastored by that trained pastor, Rev. E. B. Robinson. He has done a great work at this place this year. Being a great way from home has handicapped him somewhat, and he has not done what he would have done under other circumstances. Robinson is all O. K.

Rev. J. A.Daniels has charge of the Haywood Circuit. I am glad to say, Bishop, that Daniels has made good at this place. He has raised money with which to improve the church at Haywood, and is preparing to build a church and combine Blacknells and Cleggs in one church and build a fine church edifice. He is a success.

Rev. J. B. Watson, pastor of the St. Marys Circuit, has simply crowned himself with glory tkis year on the St. Marys Circuit. He has about built a new church at St. Paul and raised some money to repair the church at Harris Grove. This is one of our coming young men. If he continues to study and pray he will make a strong man in Zion. He brings a good report all round.

Sanford Station, pastored by that scholarly Christian gentleman in the person of Rev. R. Taylor, has done a great year's work. The people say that Taylor has an unimpeachable record that shines ts people say that Taylor has an unimpeachable reocrd that shines as doth the blazing sun of the morning. The people all love him, and there was not a dissenting voice raised against his return at the time the vote was taken. Great is Taylor. His report is round.

Rev. J. N. Rieves is one of our splendid young men. He has enabled us to plant our feet on safe ground at the Second Church in Durham, N. C. He has finished paying for the lot at that place, and now we are safe. Too many good things cannot be said of Rev. J. N. Rieves. His report is round.

St. Luke A. M. E. Zion Church, Coats, N. C., is simply flying under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Rieves, the financial giant of the Raleigh District. He is a part of the flying squadron of the Raleigh District. He is bold as a lion and harmless as a dove. He handles the gospel dragnet with success. He has beautifully painted his

church and has nearly money enough on hand to ceil same. Joseph has a great heart in him, and in fact he is a genius in the pulpit. When he begins to preach nd the fire begins to burn, things happen. He is a burning gospel firebrand. To hear him once means you will hear him again. Rieves is all right. His report is round.

Mrs. Lillie Spruell has succeeded beyond all expectations in the missionary work. Her report will surprise you, as great things have been done this year. She is a smart young lady and deserves commendation.

Miss Ella McIver is a sacrificing young lady. She is head of the Young Women's Department. She, too, has done well.

Mrs. Georgia Taylor has been somewhat handicapped this year on account of sickness, but has wrought well in spite of all that. She comes up with a round report.

Prof. H. P. Merritt is our beloved supirintendent of Sunday schools. He is one of the race's smart men. He has succeeded remarkably well in this department. He is one of our best men.

Mrs. E. L. Page, one of the best women in the Conference, has done a great year's work and comes up to this Conference with a fine report. She deserves commendation.

Mrs. Annie Dorsett, one of the strong right arms of the Raleigh District, has never done better work in her history. She is loyal to the core on all lines of progress. She is an untiring worker, and the load never gets too heavy; she never complains when duty comes. Bishop, she is one of the best church workers I have ever known. She is a devout church worker. May she live long to uphold the banner of Zion.

Mrs. Mary Winston has done well. She, too, has wrought well.

Bishop, I am proud to say that all of my men understand the tercentenary all right, and I am persuaded that they have all their assessments. We have traveled over the district doing all we could, giving impetus to this particular work. No greater work has ever been inaugurated in our dear old Zion for its betterment. One thing that has given the men on the Raleigh District great encouragement is the very fact that our own dear Bishop Kyles is the chairman of the movement in our church and we cannot afford to see him fail; no, a thousand times, no.

I take this method of thanking my men and the good officers and members and friends of all denominations for their unstinted support during the year along all lines of endeavor for the uplift of the work of God and Zion on the famous old Raleigh District. You are aware that it is the most thinly populated part of the Central Conference and has the denominational opposition, though friendly, also in the Conference; but under God we have brought you the goods and laid them at your feet and say that duty has been done.

and if in your godlyjudgment we are returned to the famous old Raleigh District we guarantee that we will ,under Divine guidance. report same next Conferenc, if we are spared, in good shape; or report to God the reason why. Begging the prayers of all, I remain,

Yours for God and Zion, W. W. SLADE, P. E.

The following is the financial report of the men of the Raleigh District:

PASTORS' REPORTS.

1. Rush Memorial Church, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. B. J. Pratt, pastor.—No. conversions 67; No. members 210; raised for pastor $1,450.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $155.00; raised for other purposes $1,890.50. Total $3,575.50.

2. St. Mark Church, Durham, N. C., Rev. J. H. Paschal, pastor.—No. conversions 42; No. members 417; raised for pastor $1,717.68; raised for P. E. $134.00; raised for general claims $160.00; raised for other purposes $4,227.05. Total $6,238.73.

3. Kesler Temple Church, Henderson, N. C., Rev. J. Fulford Williams, D. D., pastor.—No. conversions 22; No. members 82; raised for pastor $1,000.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $100.00; raised for other purposes $2,476.39. Total $3,676.39.

4. Fair Promise Church, Sanford, N. C., Rev. R. Taylor, pastor.—No. conversions 4; No. members 149; raised for pastor $950.00; raised for P. E. $95.00; raised for general claims $110.00; raised for other purposes $665.00. Total $1,820.00.

5. Gees Grove Circuit, Rev. J. J. Stitt, pastor.—No. conversions 15; No. members 250; raised for pastor $750.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $288.00; raised for other purposes $1,510.00. Total $2,668.00.

6. Siler City Circuit, Rev. W. D. Drake, pastor.—No. conversions 31; No. members 225; raised for pastor $750.00; raised for P. E. $112.00; raised for general claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $542.00. Total $1,484.00.

7. Cumnock Circuit, Rev. C. T. Simmons, pastor.—No. conversions 41; No. members 260; raised for pastor $860.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $150.00; raised for other purposes $3,146.00 Total $4,276.00.

8. Mitchell Chapel Circuit, Rev. W. W. Long, pastor.—No. conversions 28; No. members 400; raised for pastor $1,020.00; raised for P. E $160.25; raised for general claims $200.00; raised for other purposes $2,625.10. Total $4,005.35.

9. Holland Circuit, Rev. R. G. Cannady, pastor.—No. conversions 48; No. members 300; raised for pastor $900.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for general claims $120.00; raised for other purposes $1,128.00. Total $2,268.00.

10. Franklinton Circuit, Rev. J. Z. Siler, pastor.—No. conversions 36; No. members 178; raised for pastor $650.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for general claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $3,128.38. Total $3,968.38.

11. Oxford Circuit, Rev. E. B. Robinson, pastor.—No. conversions 27; No members 227; raised for pastor $1,031.80; raised for P. E. $134.00; raised for general claims $150.00; raised for other purposes $934.00. Total $2,250.00.

12. Haywood Circuit, Rev. J. H. Daniel, pastor.—No. conversions 16; No. members 105; raised for pastor $498.21; raised for P. E. $75.00; raised for general claims $50.00; raised for other purposes $337.79. Total $961.00.

13. St. Mary Circuit, Rev. J. B. Watson, pastor.—No. conversions 44; No. members 32; raised for pastor $60.00; raised for P. E. $10.80; raised for general claims $____; raised for other purposes $____ Total $120.00.

14. Mt. Olive Mission, Rev. J. N. Rieves, pastor.—No. conversions 16; No. members 37; raised for pastor $110.00; raised for P. E. $40.00; raised for general claims $25.00; raised for other purposes $591.75. Total $666.75.

15. Coats Mission, Rev. J. E. Rieves, pastor.—No. conversions ____; No. members 25; raised for pastor $84.00; raised for P. E. $40.00; raised for general claims $17.00; raised for other purposes $203.00. Total $344.00.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

Of C. N. C. Annual Conference, Convened at Laurinburg, N. C., November 24, 1920

Two blanks are to be filled out. One for the minutes and one to be sent to the General Secretary, Rev. F. M. Jacobs, M. D., D. D., 416 Gold Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

Revs. G. W. Harrell, S. Florida Conference; E. Johnson McKay, Blue Ridge Conference.

2. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what churches?

Rev. H. T. Riddick, Christian Church.

3. Who have been received on Trial? None.
4. Who remain on Trial? See Roll.
5. Who have been Dropped?

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6. Who have been admitted into Full Connection?

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7. Who have been elected Deacons?

Mrs. L. E. Murchison.

8 Who have been ordained Deacons during the year?

O. W. Coward.

9. Who have been ordained Deacons at Conference? None.
10. Who have been elected Elders?

T. C. Marsh, T. L. Cannon, Mrs. L. E. Murchison, C. F. Martin.

11. Who have been ordained Elders duringthe year?

W. D. Drake.

12. Who have been ordained Elders at Conference? None.
13. Who have been ordained Local Deacons?

R. D. Harris.

14. Who have been ordained Elders?

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15. Who have been ordained Deacons under Missinary Rule?

R. D. Harris.

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17. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?

Rev. C. F. Martin, South Georgia.

18. Who have died?

Revs. H. C. Harrison and C. M. Mason.

19. Who have been Located?

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20. Who have located at their own request?

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21. Who have honorably Withdrawn?
Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry
22. Who have withdrawn under Charges of Complaint?

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23. Who have been suspended? None.
24. Who have been Expelled? None.
25. Are thre any Complaints?

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26. Are there any Appeals? None.
27. Are all the Ministers and Preachers blameless in life and Character? (Let Characters be examined.)
All are passed.
28. Who are Triers ofAppeals?
W. B. Gordon, J. M. Gould, Henry D. Tillman, W. H. Horton, C. T. Simmons.
29. Who compose the Education Board?

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30. Who compose the Church Extension and Home Mission Board?

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31. Who compose the Foreign Mission Board?

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32. Who are the Superannuated Ministers?
Rev.s H. T. Green, M. G. Gaines, John Murchison.
33. Who are the Widows and Orphans of the Deceased Ministers?
See Roll.
34. Who are our Missionaries?

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35. What new Societies have been Received?

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36. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See Appointments.
37. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
See Roll.
38. When and where shall the next Conference be held?
Evans' Metropolitan, Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 23, 1921.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Statistics No. 1.—Sunday Schools.

Number of Sunday schools	144
Decrease over last year	6
Number of officers and teachers	1,050
Number of members on cradle roll	1,275
Number of scholars in home department	950
Number of scholars in adult Bible classes	6,240
Increase over last year	36
Number of scholars in main school	7,150
(Extension classes included)	84
Increase over last year	
Average attendance	
Whole number of scholars in Sunday school	11,530
Increase ovr elast year	784
Decrease	
Number of scholars and teachers who are church members	9,840
Number of scholars (whether attendants or members of home department) who are church members	5,384
Number of shclars converted and united with the church during the year	6,525
Number of sermons preached by the pastor to the children	620
Number of times the pastor has catechised the children	1,335
Number of bound volumes in library	5,740
Number of lesson helps taken from our publication	16,888
Amount raised for Sunday school purposes	$8,885
Amount raised for foreign missions	$205
Amount raised for home missions	$155
Amount raised for Sunday School Board	$28
Amount expended	$7,925
Amount in hand	$960

Statistics No. 2.—Varick Christian Endeavor Societies

Number of Societies	355
Number of active members	1,150
Number of associate members	1,335
Number of honorary members	400
Number of junior societies	25
Number of members in the junior societies	100
Total amount raised by both senior and junior societies	$3,385
Amount sent to the president of the union	$140
Amount raised for foreign missions	$29

Statistics No. 3.—Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies

Number of societies	125

Number of active members	935
Number of honorary members	120
Total amount of money raised	$1,236
Amount sent to the treasurer by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	$4,250
Amount sent to the treasurer by Young Woman's Branch	
Amount sent to the treasurer by Juvenile Society	
Amount remaining in treasury of societies	

Statistics No. 4.—Church Membership

Number of conversions	2,120
Number of probationers admitted to full connection	825
Number of members received by certificate	40
Number of local preachers and exhorters	68
Number of local deacons	18
Number of local elders	19
Number in baptized children's classes	400
Number of persons remaining on probation	208
Whole umber of full members	10,210
Increase over last year	1,120
Number withdrawn	225
Number expelled	25
Number of deaths	240
Number of children baptized	840
Number of adults baptized	1,030

Statistics No. 5.—Church Property.

Number of churches	149
Probable valu	$250,900
Number of parsonages	18
Probable value	$30,000
Value of other church property	$25,000
Amount paid on mortgage indebtedness with interest	$5,750
Amount paid on floating indebtedness	$8,320
Amount paid on repairs	$12,840
Amount paid on current expenses	$7,930
Amount in treasury for building and repairing	$8,425

Statistics No. 6.—Support of the Ministry.

Amount raised on pastor's salary	$60,000
Amount raised on presiding elder's salary	$4,525
Amount raised on general claims	$4,490

Statistics No. 7.—Benevolent Collections.

Amount raised children's day for education	$485
Amount raised Easter day for church extension and home missions	$330
Amount raised missionary day for foreign missions	$210

Amount raised for local education	$1,230
Amount raised for ministerial brotherhood	$220
Amount raised for publication house	$180
Amount raised for the poor and charity	$8,940

Statistics No. 8.—Special Collections

Amount raised for support of Annual Conference	$690
Amount raised for support of General Conference	$40
Amount raised for General Conference delegates	$300
Amount raised by Daughters of Conference	$408
Amount raised for other purposes	$10,120
Total amount raised for all purposes	$105,700
Balance in treasury for current expenses	$10,340

Statistics No. 9.—Church Periodicals.

Number of subscribers to the Star of Zion	120
Number of subscribers to the Western Star of Zion	
Number of subscribers to the Quarterly Review	65
Number of subscribers to the Missionary Seer	65

REV. R. CULBRETH, Statistical Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE FUNDS

To the Bishop and Members of the 42d Session of the Central North Carolina Conference:

We, your Committee on Conference Funds, beg to submit our report of the monies collected and disbursed during this 42d session of our Annual Conference.

General Receipts.

Public collections for the entire session		$297.94
Collected from Conference Workers:		
Raleigh District	$96.25	
Laurinburg District	75.50	
Fayetteville District	33.00	
Carthage District	10.00	
Total collected for Conference Workers		$214.75
Collected from Churches for Support of Conference:		
From the Raleigh District	$138.00	
From the Fayetteville District	118.00	
From the Laurinburg District	108.00	
From the Carthage District	95.00	
Total for support of Conference		$459.00

Miscellaneous Collections:		
Percentage from general fund	$386.29	
From sale ofminutes	40.65	
Total miscellaneous collections		$426.94
Grand total collected for all purposes		$1,397.93

Disbursements.

To Conference Secretaries:	
Rev. H. D. Tillman	$10.00
Rev. J. M. Gould	10.00
Rev. R. Culbreth	10.00
To Bishop's Secretaries:	
Rev. B. C. Robeson	5.00
Mrs. A. H. Gordon	5.00
Mrs. Mae Monroe	5.00
Total to secretaries	$45.00
Special Contribution to Churches:	
To Allen Chapel	$500.00
To Sandy Grove Church	100.00
To St. Paul Church	50.00
Total special contributions to churches	$650.00
Special Contributions to Infirm Ministers:	
Rev. P. J. Jones (afflicted with throat trouble)	$25.00
Rev. P. C. Alexander (afflictd with blindness)	25.00
Total special contributions to infirm ministers	$50.00
Special Disbursements in Connection with our Annuol Session:	
Pastor's personal expense account	$20.00
To printing Conference directories	13.00
To church sexton for five days' service	15.00
To organist	5.00
To the trustees for lights and fuel	25.00
Donation to pastor	25.00
Total special disbursements in connection with Conf.	$103.00
Contribution to Visiting Preachers on Traveling Expense:	
Prof. D. C. Suggs	$5.00
Rev. G. W. Maize	6.00
Rev. T. J. Houston	3.00
Rev. G. H. Miles	5.00
Rev. S. C. Wddell	1.50
Rev. W. J. Walls	10.00

Rev. C. C. Alleyne	10.00
Mrs. L. M. Kyles	25.00
Rev. W. H. Goler	10.00
Total contribution to visiting preachers	$75.50
General Expense of the Conference:	
To Bishop L. W. Kyles, on traveling expense	$150.00
To incidental expense, such as stationery, stamps, telegrams, circular letters	62.00
Allowance to Presiding Elders for extra expense during the year, $25.00 each	100.00
Total general expense	$312.00
Other Expense:	
To Publicity Committee for telegrams	$5.70
To Rev. Henry D. Tillman, for compiling minutes	20.00
To Rev. Henry D. Tillman, for publishing minutes	100.00
Total other expense	$125.00
Grand total disbursed for all purposes	$1,338.70
Amount collected from all sources	$1,397.93
Grand total disbursed for all purposes	1,338.70
Balance on hand	59.23

PLAN OF ORGANIC UNION BETWEEN THE A. M. E., A. M. E. ZION AND C. M. E. CHURCHES

"Articles of Agreement drawn up by the committee appointed by the Tri-Council of Bishops, at Louisville, Ky., February 16, 1918, touching the subject of organic union between the three denominations composing the said Tri-Council, namely, the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion and C. M. E. Churches.

We, your committee, after solemn prayer for divine guidance, submit the following recommendations as articles of agreement to be considered as hereinafter provided:

Preamble

"Historically speaking, it is seen that the African Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, originated in a similarity of causes and therefore resulted in a similarity of effort as regards their respective organizations. Then are there any good and sufficient reasons for keeping separate these three Methodist churches that have never

had any ecclesiastical differences among themselves? If it be true that each and all of us are utilizing every means at our command to consummate the great commission to disciple the world, then it naturally follows that our usefulness in Christian work would be manifold multiplied by working together as a united force.

"Believing as we do that Organic Union is practicable and feasible we recommend:

1. That the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, unite organically into one body, the denomination title of "The United Methodist Episcopal Church."

2. That this recommendation for Organic Union be presented for ratification to the General Conference of the three above-named denominations in order of meeting, namely, To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Chicago in May, 1918; to the African Methodist Episcopal General Conference in meeting at St. Louis, Mo., May, 1920, and to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion General Conference, meeting at Knoxville, Tenn., May, 1920.

3. Should these three named denominations at their Quadrennial Meetings aforesaid, approve and ratify the recommendations herein named, we further recommend that said articles so approvd be sent for ratification to the Annual Conferences of the three named denominations in the order of their annual meetings next following ratification by the two General Conferences meeting in May, 1920.

4. That copies of these recommendations be carried by each Presiding Elder and Pastor from the Annual Conference to the District or Charge to which he may be assigned, namely: Each District, Circuit, Station and Mission

That said pastor, upon taking charge of his station, circuit or mission, as the case may be, inform the people that upon a certain day or date, allowing at least thirty days' notice, and not later than ninety days thereafter, they should be called together to vote upon the resolution touching Organic Union between the three denominations above named, at said called meeting, after at least thirty days' notice has been given, the above Resolution, Number One, be read and after mature deliberations votd upon.

5. Should three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting, and a majority of the members of each local church or congregation, present and voting, vote for the said Resolution Number One, on Organic Union, then it shall be declared as adopted by said Annual Conferences and local churches or congregations.

Correct copies of the minutes bearing upon the subject, kept by the Annual Conferences and the congregations, giving date of meet-

ing of which the vote was taken, the number voting for and the number voting against, shall be presented to the next ensuing General Conferences of the three denominations aforesaid, meeting respectively in May, 1922, and May, 1924.

6. That a true and accurate record of this said meeting of each congregation shall be made, showing the date and place of meeting, the number voting for and the number voting against the said Resolution on Organic Union, and one copy of the same duly signed by the pastor and attested by the church clerk or secretary of said meeting, shall be deposited with the pastor and by him presented for record at the next ensuing Annual Conference of which he is a member.

7. If it be found that the number of Conferences necessary for ratification have voted for approval and the measure has thus passed, a General Conference of the three bodies shall be called to convene at such time and place as shall be determined by the Joint Commission to be named by the General Conference of the three denominations above namd.

8. That representation in the first General Conference of the United Church as above named, shall be uniform, as provided and agreed upon by the denominations above named.

9. The business of said United General Conferenceto tme the same as any other legislativ body, to legislate for the government of the United Church; provided, however, that nothing fundamental to Methodism, in the way of doctrinal tenets and constitution shall be changed.

10. That we agree to share alike the benefits and liabilities of each Connection that is a party to this Union; and that the titles of all properties now held in the name of each separate organization, be transferred to the United Methodist Episcopal Church, and as far as possible, all deeds and legacies be taken over by the United Methodist Episcopal Church, either by the dcision of the courts and special enactments when necessary, or by such officers and authorities as may have legal right so to do. The details of such transactions to be worked out by the General Conferences of the three denominations above named.

11. That the Bishops in office at the time of the approval of these articles in the three above-named Churches shall continue in the same in accordance with the laws and regulations covering the official tenure of Bishops in their respective churches.

12. Be it recommended to our several denominations that during the period of these organic negotiations, that the spirit and plan of federation as outlined in the Bishop's address, or any plan which may suggest itself to the parties concerned in this union, be encouraged, and in all cases that the closest bonds of association and fel-

lowship be maintained between our memberships, and exchange of pulpits where possible, among our ministers; and upon request of any of the Bishops ofthese three Churches, there be an exchange of ministers to serve as pastors, and that th said pastors, when so exchanged, shall have the same standingin the church to which he is sent as was held in the church from which he was sent.

That we encourage the exchange of fraternal messengers to Annual and District Conferences, School Conventions and Woman's Missionary meetings, particularly in States where the three or even two denominations operate. That our Bishops invite Bishops of either denomination to sit and counsel with them at Annual Conferences; to the end that we may become acquainted with the spirit and policies of our Churches, and that a feeling of oneness of purpose and accomplishment might the easier and more rapidly grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishops—L. J. Coppin, W. W. Beckett, H. B. Parks,
Elders—J. W. Walker, John Harmon, W. S. Carpenter,
Laymen—J. R. Hawkins, F. P. Sykes, Green Jackson,
Commissioners of the A. M. E. Church.

Bishops—G. W. Clinton, J. S. Caldwell, G. C. Clement,
Elders—J. W. Martin, W. W. Slade, E. D. W. Jones,
Laymen—S. G. Atkins, W. J. Trent, Oscar W. Adams,
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Bishops—R. S. Williams, R. A. Carter, J. W. Cleaves,
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Laymen—J. F. Lane, J. A. Lester, W. A. Bell,
Commissioners for Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

THE RALEIGH DISTRICT

Presiding Elder ---------- Rev. W. W. Slade
Kesler Chapel ---------- Rev. J. F. Williams
Fair Promise ---------- Rev. G. W. Harrell
St. Marks Station ---------- Rev. J. H. Paschal
Rush Memorial ---------- Rev. B. J. Pratt
Siler City Circuit ---------- Rev. W. D. Drake
Mitchells Chapel ---------- Rev. W. W. Long
Franklinton Circuit ---------- Rev. J. G. Siler
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Cumnock Circuit ---------- Rev. C. T. Simmons
Hollands Circuit ---------- Rev. R. G. Cannady
Gees Grove Circuit ---------- Rev. J. J. Stitt
Haywood Circuit ---------- Rev. J. A. Daniel
St. Marys Circuit ---------- Rev. J. B. Watson
Coates Mission ---------- Rev. J. E. Rives
Mt. Olive Mission ---------- Rev. J. N. Reives

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Laurinburg Circuit ---------- Rev. Henry D. Tillman
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Selma Circuit ---------- Rev. E. J. McKay
Cross Creek Mission ---------- Rev. D. W. Brooks
Benson ---------- Rev. O. D. Lett

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